



# IVH County Newsletter

## A Message From the Commandant

We had a great Open House for the re-opening of the Malloy South Tower. Several representatives were here from the VA, and representatives from Senator Grassley and Senator Ernst were on hand. Rep. Smith was here, and many members of the community and the Chamber of Commerce stopped by to help us cut the ribbon. I'm proud of the IVH staff who worked so hard to make the living areas comfortable and homelike. We're also grateful to all the construction management folks and all the contracted workers who did such a great job on this project. As you can imagine, the magnitude of a project like this is big!

This project reflects our dedication to providing privacy to our residents and a commitment to keeping the facilities updated. The completion of Malloy South gets us one step closer to all our residents living in a single room with a private bathroom and shower; improvements that make a great deal of difference to our residents. We will now empty the Dack Building for its renovation, scheduled to be completed by the end of May 2016.



Commandant Tymeson



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### Special points of interest:

- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Open House in Malloy Hall
- Operations Preview
- New IVH 23 Resident Passenger Bus

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## A Message from the Administrator

County Commissioners are the primary link between Veterans and the Iowa Veterans Home.

This partnership assures that veterans, in your local areas, have a resource for long-term care needs. Many veterans have chronic conditions that result from foreign conflicts and aging conditions. The Iowa Veterans Home is here as a benefit and service to aid in the improvement of quality of life as needs change.

Often times family want

to help but are not close enough when needed due to distance and work commitments. At IVH we have a community of caring staff dedicated to provide support services at those times of need. Some require minimal help and could live in a domiciliary or residential care where residents do not require direct 24 hour nursing care. If that should change however, 24 hour nursing care is available in our Intermediate Level Nursing Care units. Here there are nursing staff available around the clock 365 days a year.

Whether your needs are maintenance or more complex in nature, the Iowa Veterans Home is here to assist. It all starts with our County Commissioners who can assist with completion of needed documentation and making contact with our admission representatives.



Mike Jarrell

### IVH Admission Team

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## Malloy Building Celebrated With Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The initial ground breaking for the new Malloy Hall was held May 23, 1975, with the dedication set for January 5, 1978. On Tuesday, May 26, 2015 our facility held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House for all the stakeholders and the community. Malloy, which is a nursing level of care, was transformed from double bed occupancy to single bed occupancy. Each will include a private bath and shower. Each room is also cable ready with a furnished 32" flat screen television.

The main floor will remain the same with the Chapel, Library, Atha Dining Facility, Arts and Crafts Center, Resident Services, Leisure Resource Center, and Gift Shop areas to support our residents. The top three floors are designated as nursing units.



Malloy is a Nursing Level of Care building

## The Transformation of Malloy Hall

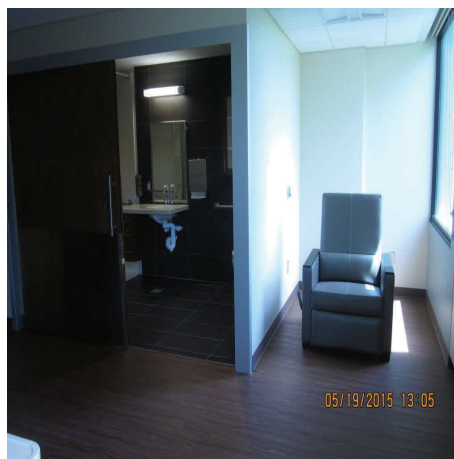
In June of 2013, the USDVA awarded a \$36.6 million construction grant (\$23.8 million was federal dollars matched with \$12.8 million state funds) for the Dack and Malloy renovations.

The Malloy project will consist of 180 beds with both single rooms and couple suites for long-term nursing care. The single rooms and couple suites include private bathrooms and showers as they are much larger than the rooms the residents previously occupied with nearly three times the closet space.

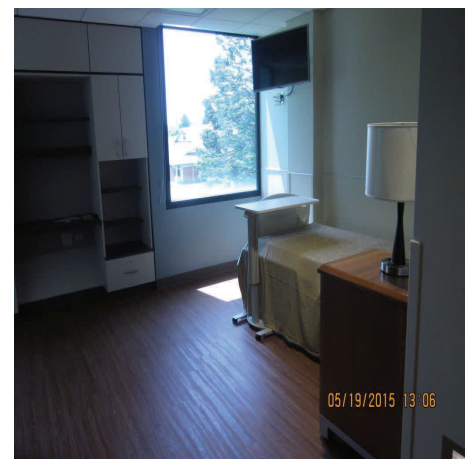
***"As you can imagine, the magnitude of a project like this is big. The amount of planning that goes into the design, the demolition, the renovation, to include all the details of finishes, lights, and paint colors takes a great deal of expertise to coordinate and complete. I want to thank our construction management team from DCI and all the contractors that had a hand in this project."***  
- Commandant Tymeson



Private Restroom and Shower



Lounge Area of Room



Resident Single Bed Room

## Take A Look At The New Resident Bus At IVH !!!

The Iowa Veterans Home currently provides licensed long-term nursing care to 562 veterans or spouses. IVH also provides residential level of care for up to 113 veterans or spouses. If there is off-site recreational trip scheduled for our residents, they are assured of a first class ride in 2 patriotic school bus type vehicles. Both of these buses have been modified to carry ambulatory and non-ambulatory residents to their activities. Our 2 certified bus drivers Marty and Jason drive over 1,750 hours per year to support recreational trips, for a

total of 55,000 hours since their employment here at IVH.

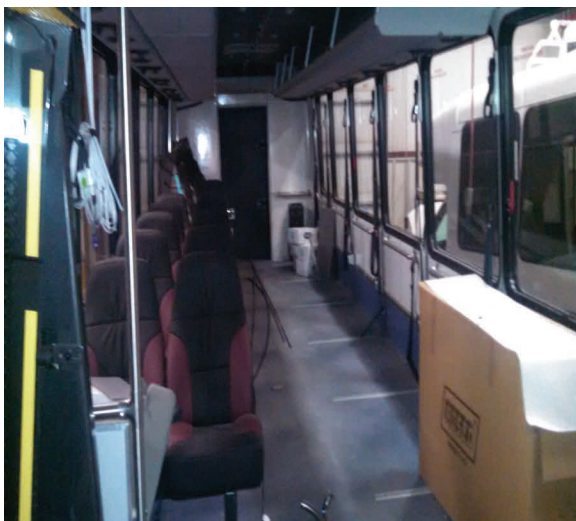
- **CAPACITY**—6 Wheelchairs tied to floor; 16 people in seats and a 1 driver for a total of 23 passengers.
- **COST**—\$223,000.00
- **ENGINE**—International Maxiforce Diesel 280HP
- **SIZE**—About 40 Foot Total Length; 102 inches wide (about 8 inches more than the old buses)
- **VENDOR**—Hoglund International; built in Michigan

- Bus was purchased with operational funding
- Bus will be used for off-site recreational activities such as:
  1. Local Eateries
  2. Veteran Events
  3. Social Events
  4. Athletic Events
  5. etc.
- Design and graphics created by Jason Soder, Sharon Soder and Denise Ulery
- 1 of 2 large passenger buses in the IVH inventory



New 23 Passenger Bus

**The Iowa Veterans Home transports all residents to medical appointments !!**



Inside view of the bus



Current 23 Passenger Bus





## Moving Forward

IVH promotes provision of resident-centered care in which we focus on resident quality of life through promoting resident choice and preference to assure autonomy in care. We continue to move forward with providing each resident with a single unit living arrangement to enhance a more home-like environment.

**At the Iowa Veterans Home we provide unique on-site services. Services provided are as follows:**

- Audiology
- Cosmetology
- Chaplaincy
- Dietitians
- Laboratory/X-Ray
- Laundry
- Medical Providers
- Mental Health Providers
- Music Therapy
- Nursing Care
- Pharmacy
- Occupational/Physical Therapy
- Recreational Therapy
- Respiratory
- Social Services

## Bed Capacity

**Residential Level of Care—113**  
**Nursing Level of Care—509 of**  
**which 120 beds are memory care**  
**(45 secure & 75 non-secure)**

## Age Category

As of Age Bracket	5/18/15 Count	Aver- age
22-54	18	51.78
55-64	83	60.54
65-74	158	69.15
75-84	143	80.09
85-94	150	88.72
95+	10	96.40
Total		Average
562		75.81

## IVH World War II Memorial Monument Update!

I can't think of a better time to submit an update on the ongoing World War II Memorial Monument project here at the Iowa Veterans Home. As 6 June 1945 still remains as one of the most recognizable date and year in our military history, we must continue to remember all the veterans and allies that were called upon to fight a war that shaped the world. This day not only shaped the war but led to the liberation of France from Nazi control, and contributed to an Allied victory in the war. We must continue to remember and acknowledge these men and women as they are still today considered as "The Greatest Generation" that ever lived.

Our donation goal of \$20,000 to build a WWII monument has been quickly surpassed as funds continue to be received. We will continue to accept donations for the project.

The granite of choice, Mesabi Black, will come from the United States. This choice of granite will help "speed" up the procurement, sculpture and

installation process but will not downgrade the quality or the intent of the project at all.

Our IVH WWII Veterans had the opportunity to discuss and see a 12" x 12" of the Mesabi Black granite. The monument will have a polished front and back sides with a rough edge (non-polished) on both sides and top. The base will also be of granite. This small piece of granite remains in the Commandants Office for viewing. Feel free to stop by and view it as well as a 12" X 18" designed sheet on what we have asked the monument company to manufacture.

The photos and the representation of these photos were chosen and approved from a group of WWII veterans from IVH. These photos will represent significant battles and events to include what U.S. citizens were doing back in the states to support the war effort. The photos will then be etched into the granite. Engraved into the granite will be Pearl Harbor, a welder (representing support to the war), Iwo Jima, Battle of Midway, D-Day and North Africa.

We recently received confirmation that the artist has informed the monument company that all the photos that we submitted are acceptable. This simply means that they will have the ability to etch the photo images into the granite. We wanted to make sure that they had the ability to etch into the granite before we went any further with this project. We are hoping that we will be able to see a "life size" drawing of the monument before dropping the purchase order for the granite itself, sometime in the near future. We should be able to proceed with the procurement of the granite once all the drawings are confirmed and IVH has approved them. From the time that the order is dropped we are looking at approximately 60-90 days for purchasing and installation. Our goal is have the monument installed around the end of August, 2015.

## *IVH Operations Update.....*

The Iowa Veterans Home continues to be a leader in Long Term Care. Since our inception on 1 December 1887, IVH has served over **15,000** men and **3,350** women. Today, with **15.6%** of Iowa's population 65 or older the need for some level of Nursing Care will continue to increase as nearly **one-third** of Iowans who are **65** or older live alone. At IVH we continue to provide two levels of care; Residential (Domiciliary) Care and Long-Term Intermediate Level Nursing Care. We also have a dedicated unit (Ulery) that is certified for secure beds for our Dementia Level of residents. Ulery, a 120 bed facility, has non-secure beds as well.

We provide two levels of care at the IVH. Residential (Domiciliary) Care and Long-Term Intermediate Level Nursing Care.

Residential (Domiciliary) Care is the area where the resident can receive supportive medical and nursing supervision on a regular and frequent basis, but not on a continuous 24 hour schedule. Meals are included and are served in a centralized dining area. Those eligible for residential level of care must meet the respective admission criteria. Many of our residential residents receive this service due to age or long term chronic health conditions but benefit from minimal staff assistance and supervision along with a more structured environment. Staff support and services are provided to help residents reach and maintain their optimal level of functioning as they experience actual and anticipated declines in activities of daily living related to chronic mental and physical health conditions. Our residential living area, known as Heinz Hall, is licensed for 113 residents.

Long-Term Intermediate Nursing Care is for those residents that require on-going 24 hour nursing supervision and assistance with activities of daily living. Medicaid requires assistance with at least 3 ADL's. We do have a broad range of care depending on resident needs and capabilities.

Services include on-sight physician care, pharmacy, lab and X-Ray. We offer restorative care with PT, OT, Audiology, behavioral mental health services and music therapy. The many and varied services are available to all residents.

Our Intermediate Nursing Care bed capacity is currently 509 certified beds with semi-private or private rooms, as available. There are 120 memory care beds of which 45 are secure.

It is important to know that the Department of Veterans Affairs will pay up to 100% of the cost of care for a Veteran who eligible and is classified as 70% or greater disabled due to a service related disability and is in need of long-term nursing care at a State Veterans Home. We have found that many people are not aware of this covered benefit.

For all others the cost of stay is calculated based on the ability to pay. The IVH is a Medicaid Certified facility and complies with those guidelines. We have dedicated members of our Resident Finance Staff that work as a liaison between our residents, their families and our DHS Income Maintenance Worker to establish Medicaid eligibility for those meeting the requirements. Please contact the Admissions Office for more information regarding the cost of care.

*Thanks!!*